

Smithville R-II Board of Education

Public Hearing- SPO Minutes Wednesday, November 20, 2024 (5:30 p.m.) Meeting Held in the District Board Room

1.0 Call to Order by Chairperson:

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Board President, Scott Jacoby.

2.0 Board of Education Present:

1. Scott Jacoby
2. Whitney Carfile
3. Brooke Perkins
4. Patrick Nichols
5. Susan Whitacre
6. Johanna Pruitt
7. Stacia Cudd

3.0 Administrators Present

1. Dr. Mark Maus, Superintendent
2. Ian Saxton, Exec. Director of Operations & Safety
3. Kim Davis, Director of Human Resources
4. Denise Harwood, Exec Director of Grades K-6
5. Dr. PJ McGinnis, Exec. Director of Grades 7-14

4.0 Workshop

4.1 Public Hearing - School Protection Officer

The Board of Education has the ability to approve the use of a School Protection Officer (SPO) according to State Statute RSMo 160.665. The following is a summary of requirements identified within the statute: Any district within the state may designate one or more teachers (including those with substitute certificates) or administrators as school protection officers. Any person designated by a school district as a school protection officer shall be authorized to carry concealed firearms or a self-defense spray device in any school in the district. A school protection officer has the same authority to detain or use force against any person on school property as provided to any other persons under Chapter 563. Any person detained by a school protection officer shall be turned over to a school administrator or law enforcement as soon as practically possible, but shall not be detained for more than one hour. Any person designated as a SPO must: Complete Certified School Protection Officer Training Program or be P.O.S.T. certified by the Missouri Department of Public Safety. Possess a valid concealed carry endorsement or permit. Annually complete 12 hours of continuing education/training with a local or state Law Enforcement Agency. Please refer to the state statute for a full list of requirements.

Visitors: Gini Fite, who expressed support for arming our SPO's.

5.0 Adjournment

5.1 Adjourn the meeting

Recommendation: Adjourn the meeting.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Brooke Perkins**) Moved, Member (**Patrick Nichols**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Adjourn the meeting'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7 - 0**

Susan Whitacre Yes
Whitney Carlile Yes
Scott Jacoby Yes
Patrick Nichols Yes
Stacia Cudd Yes
Johanna Pruitt Yes
Brooke Perkins Yes

The meeting was duly adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Karen Kopp 12-11-24
Board Secretary Date

Scott J 12/11/24
Board President Date